

Subject: Re: Fwd: Please Refund Venice BID tax - no services & double billed
From: Debbie Dyner Harris <debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org>
Date: 12/03/2017 10:33 PM
To: Tara Devine <tara@venicebeachbid.com>

thanks

On Sun, Dec 3, 2017 at 10:35 AM, Tara Devine <tara@venicebeachbid.com> wrote:

The BID as adopted is a 5-year plan, and assessment funds collected (including 2017 funds) will be spent between now and 2021 on the services outlined in the plan.

Stakeholders received mailings in August and October outlining our process/progress and another will be going out in December when we have set a date for a January Board Meeting. If the Board can reach a consensus on clean and safe program awards at that meeting, we hope to launch services in late February. This will depend in part on contractor ramp up for hiring, training, equipment, etc.

In regards to the billing confusion, I must direct that question to the Clerk and/or Assessor as the BID is not involved. My understanding is that there is no double-billing, but there is some confusion due to the fact that the City manual-billed the first year assessment as a single payment, and the Assessor auto-bills subsequent years as two payments. I also believe the way the billing period is expressed on the respective bills causes confusion for some. Lastly, the BID operates on a calendar year (1/1-12/31), while City/County operate on a (7/1-6/30) fiscal year. I believe this may also be a factor in the confusion.

On Nov 30, 2017 11:08 PM, "Debbie Dyner Harris" <debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org> wrote:

hi, fyi

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From: **Nicole Siskind** <contact@perloffwebster.com>

Date: Thu, Nov 30, 2017 at 3:20 PM

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November 30, 2017

Mayor Eric Garcetti & City Council Members

[City of Los Angeles](#)

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Dear Mayor Garcetti,

We are writing in regards to the Venice Area Business Improvement District. As you may know, the Venice BID was voted in place in November 2016 for a Five (5) year term, 2017 through 2021.

The BID members have paid the supplemental BID Assessment for the service period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 (the BID supplemental was due April 13, 2017) yet we have not received any services.

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To reiterate; we have paid for the entire year of 2017 and received nothing.

Additionally, our regular property tax bills are due which include the full amount of the Venice BID supplemental, declaring the service period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

This means we have been charged twice for 7/1/2017 through 12/31/2017, and have received nothing.

We request that the City immediately refund the amount already paid for 2017, and re-issue the property tax bill for the first half taxes.

Sincerely,

Jean-Marie Webster & Roger Webster

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